

INW CASE NO. 342

SUBJECT

Proposed shipment 2,000 tons copper from Turkey to Communist China

INITIATING AGENCY AND DATE

CIA; 23 June 52

BACKGROUND

It was reported 2,000 tons of copper valued at \$2,500,000 were about to leave Turkey for Communist China (Reference 1 below). Copper to be transported first to Rotterdam, then to Gdynia for transshipment to China. State EDS representative indicated later report (Reference 2 below) implies contract for this copper was nullified.

REFERENCES

1. State incoming telegram, confidential, Stockholm 1428, 11 June 1952.
2. State incoming telegram, secret, Ankara 1464, 14 June 1952.
3. List of pertinent cables distributed by State:

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ACTION

1. Chairman on 23 June requested State EDS representative check on disposition of copper covered by said contract and report findings to INW.
2. State EDS representative at 10 July meeting of INW distributed list of cables (Reference 3 above) and remarked that complete story is set forth therein.

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REFERENCES (cont'd from pg. 1)

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3. The Treasury representative to IWG reported at the meeting of 16 September that the Swiss banking community had been approached and assurances received therefrom that Swiss financing of this shipment would not be permitted.

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4. The EDAC Steering Group (Ref. 5) reported that the Turks want to continue to ship approximately 2000 tons of copper per year under their interpretation of the Battle Act and the Kem Amendment. They have been advised that no exceptions can be given without prior consultation. The Turkish Embassy here will also be informed. This information was also reported to the IWG by the EDS, State, representative at the 14 Oct 1952 meeting. The OIR, State, representative stated that no stocks are available in Turkey. Sales have been made to western buyers. 3000 tons were shipped to Syria, Lebanon, and Jordan. (Ref. 6 and 7).

5. EDS reported 20 Oct 1952 that Turkey has problem of disposal of copper stocks, [REDACTED] 25X1A
Turks have agreed to release it only if US agrees and US will okay release only if copper comes within customs territory of recipient government.

6. Case closed as of 27 Oct 52.